

Amendments to the Claims:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims. This listing of claims replaces all previous versions.

1. (currently amended) A system for multivariable comparison of financial information, comprising:

a client interface to a user inputting weightable search information, the weightable search information comprising user-selected quantitative search criteria and user-selected weighting criteria, the weighting criteria reflecting user-defined levels of importance for one or more of the quantitative search criteria; and

a search interface, communicating with the client interface, the search interface operative to interrogate at least one network-enabled information source according to the weightable search information to generate search results.

2. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the client interface comprises a communications link for transmitting the weightable search information to a transaction server and transmitting the search results to the user.

3. (original) The system of claim 2, wherein the client interface comprises a graphical user interface for displaying at least one of the weightable search information, the search results, and graphical coding objects associated with the search results.

4. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the client interface comprises a network-enabled connection to a client workstation.

5. (original) The system of claim 4, wherein the network-enabled connection comprises an Internet connection.

6. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the weightable search information comprises multivariable financial information.

7. (original) The system of claim 6, wherein the weightable search information comprises weighting information to be applied to the multivariable financial information to generate a composite results score.

8. (original) The system of claim 7, wherein the weightable search information is modifiable to be applied to the search results.

9. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the search interface comprises a connection to a relational database.

10. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the client interface comprises at least one of keyboard input, voice input, touch pad input, voice output, pointing device input, speech input, biometric input, and graphical output at the client workstation.

11. (currently amended) A method for multivariable comparison of financial information, comprising:

a) receiving weightable search information from a client interface, the weightable search information comprising user-selected quantitative search criteria and user-selected weighting criteria, the weighting criteria reflecting user-defined levels of importance for one or more of the quantitative search criteria; and

b) interrogating at least one network-enabled information source according to the weightable search information to generate search results.

12. (currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the client interface comprises a communications link for transmitting the weightable ~~weightable~~ search information to a transaction server and transmitting the search results to the user.

13. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein the client interface comprises a graphical user interface, further comprising a step of c) displaying at least one of the weightable search information, the search results, and graphical coding objects associated with the search results.

14. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein the client interface comprises a network-enabled connection to a client workstation.

15. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein the network-enabled connection comprises an Internet connection.

16. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein the weightable search information comprises multivariable financial information.

17. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein the weightable search information comprises weighting information to be applied to the multivariable financial information to generate a composite results score.

18. (original) The method of claim 17, wherein the weightable search information is modifiable to be applied to the search results.

19. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein the search interface comprises a connection to a relational database.

20. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein the client interface comprises at least one of keyboard input, voice input, touch pad input, voice output, pointing device input, speech input, biometric input, and graphical output at the client workstation.